

## Jenkins County

Jenkins County was organized in 1905 from parts of Screven, Bulloch, Burke, and Emanuel counties and began its official operation January 1, 1906, making it the one hundred thirty-eighth county. Its territory had been part of two original headright counties: Effingham and Burke.

Jenkins County was named for Governor Charles J. Jenkins. The county seat, Millen, was named for a distinguished attorney, John Millen of Savannah. At its beginning, the town was called "Seventy-nine" because that was the distance in miles from Savannah, the center of all commerce and culture for that region.

Near Millen is the Jones House, built in 1762 and used as a stage coach stop called Birdsville. It was more than a century old when General Sherman's troops looted it and set the building afire during their march to the sea through Georgia. The same soldiers put the fire out when they learned that the mistress of the house refused to leave her sickbed.

The community of Scarboro is far older than the county itself. In 1839 it was designated Station Number Seven on the Central Railroad connecting growers of this area with the markets in Savannah.

Also pre-dating the county and all its towns was the Old Buckhead Church which was organized before the Revolution under the leadership of the Reverend Matthew Moore. It was one of the oldest Baptist congregations in the country. In 1864 the churchyard became the site of a skirmish between opposing cavalry forces, Kilpatrick's Union Cavalry and Wheeler's Confederate Corps. Moving south, the Union troops tore up the pews of the church to obtain lumber for a bridge across Buckhead Creek.

Nearby was a forty-two acre enclosure that was to have been used as a prisoner-of-war camp by the Confederates, intended to relieve the crowded Andersonville Prison. The Union advance was so rapid, however, that none of the prisoners had been transferred there and the facility was abandoned without ever having being used. The site was later made into a state park.

Source: Foundations of Government - The Georgia Counties, Association County Commissioners of Georgia, 1976.

### News In This County

## Congressman Barrow Announces Upcoming Hospital Health Care Tour

February 15, 2007

### Starting

on Monday, February 19, Georgia Congressman John Barrow (D-Savannah) will kick off a four-day tour of ten area hospitals that play a vital role in serving the medical needs of Georgia's 12th Congressional District, with stops in Savannah, Statesboro, Claxton, Vidalia, Millen, Swainsboro, Sandersville, Milledgeville, Louisville, and Augusta.

## Rep. John Barrow Announces Upcoming Rural Listening Tour

May 26, 2005

### On

Wednesday, June 1st, Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) will launch a three day listening tour, visiting rural and agricultural communities across Georgia's 12th Congressional District. The tour will visit 9 counties - Taliaferro, Warren, Glascock, Jefferson, Burke, Jenkins, Bulloch, Screven, and Effingham County.

## Barrow Applauds USDA Decision to Suspend FSA Office Closure Plan

October 19, 2005

### Washington, DC -

Georgia Congressman John Barrow (12th District) today issued the following statement in response to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) decision to set aside its "FSA Tomorrow" plan, a controversial proposal that would have closed and consolidated 665 Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices nationwide:

## Congressman Barrow Extends Millen Outreach Hours for Jockey Employees

July 21, 2006

### 12th

District Georgia Congressman John Barrow today announced that his office's weekly Monday outreach hours in Millen, Georgia, will be extended next week in the wake of Jockey International's decision to

outsource 203 jobs from their plant in Millen to Jamaica, Honduras, Costa Rica, and El Salvador.

Congressman Barrow & State Sen. Powell to Host Town Hall Meeting in Millen for Jockey Employees and Their Families

July 25, 2006

12th  
District Georgia Congressman John Barrow and District 23 State Senator J.B. Powell will host a town hall meeting in Millen on the evening of Thursday, August 3, to discuss the recent announcement by Jockey International to outsource 203 jobs to Jamaica, Honduras, Costa Rica, and El Salvador.

Statement from Rep. John Barrow on Jockey International's Decision to Cut 203 Jobs in Millen

July 20, 2006

Washington, DC -  
12th District Georgia Congressman John Barrow issued the following statement today in response to Jockey International's announcement that they will cut 203 jobs in Millen, Georgia, and outsource those jobs to Jamaica, Honduras, Costa Rica, and El Salvador:

North Jenkins County Volunteer Fire Department Awarded a \$132,516 Homeland Security Grant

July 26, 2007

Washington, DC -  
12th District Congressman John Barrow (D-GA) today announced that the North Jenkins County Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a \$132,516 grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

Congressman John Barrow Announces Upcoming 2006 Rural Listening Tour

April 13, 2006

Savannah, GA -  
12th District Georgia Congressman John Barrow (D-Savannah) today announced the schedule for his upcoming 2006 12th District Rural

Listening Tour. Starting on Wednesday, April 19th, Barrow will launch his now annual three-day listening tour, visiting rural and agricultural communities across Georgia's 12th Congressional District. The tour will visit 8 counties - Taliaferro, Glascock, Jefferson, Burke, Jenkins, Bulloch, Screven, and Effingham.